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1. ON NOV 12 THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADVANCED BY THE EEC-GREECE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE WHICH CALLED UPON THE MEMBER STATES "TO SPEED UP THE PROCEDURES LAID DOWN FOR CONSIDERING THE GREEK APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY." DURING THE DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, THE SENSE OF PARLIAMENT WAS THAT THE PROCESS COULD TAKE MUCH LONGER THAN THE GREEKS WISHED BECAUSE TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE RE-ORIENTATION OF GREEK AGRICULTURE AND ITS HARMONIZATION WITH THE COMMUNITY'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY. IN DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL PROTOCOL, SEVERAL SPEAKERS COMMENTED ON THE STATE OF THE GREEK ECONOMY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC
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LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

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2. SEVERAL PARLIAMENTARIANS SAID TURKEY MUST BE ASSURED THAT FULL GREEK MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT PREJUDICE EVENTUAL TURKISH MEMBERSHIP. THERE WAS ALSO AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS BASED ON THE UN RESOLUTION "RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS, AN ASSOCIATED STATE OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAME WAY AS GREECE AND TURKEY."

3. BRITISH CONSERVATIVE MP'S DENIED ALLEGATIONS IN THE GREEK PRESS THAT THEY WERE SEEKING TO OBSTRUCT THE GREEK BID. THEY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT FULL GREEK MEMBERSHIP, THEY SAID, BUT THE GREEKS UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME; THE COMMUNITY IS STILL UNDERGOING A "SHAKEDOWN" AFTER THE 1973 EXPANSION AND THE EC HOUSE SHOULD BE PUT IN ORDER BEFORE EXPANDING AGAIN.

4. COMMENT. UNDERLYING THE MANIFEST ENTHUSIASM OF AN OVER-WHELMING MAJORITY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GREEK ACCESSION WAS A FULL MEASURE OF HEDGING ON TIMING. EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, TOLD THE PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT WORK WILL BEGIN BY THE END OF THE YEAR ON DRAFTING A COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON GREEK MEMBERSHIP BUT, HE AVOIDED REFERENCE TO A TIME FRAME FOR ITS COMPLETION. OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AFTER THE DEBATE SUGGEST THAT THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR GREEK MEMBERSHIP IS LARGELY FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AND DOES NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE FEELING SHARED BY MANY PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT FULL MEMBERSHIP IS STILL A LONG WAY OFF. GREENWALD

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